

Oku language

Oku (Ebkuo, Ekpwo, Ukfwo, Bvukoo, Kuɔ) is a Grassfields Bantu language of Cameroon.

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Phonology

Consonants

Oku has 21 consonant phonemes.^[3] The consonant phoneme inventory of the language is shown below.^[3]

	Bilabial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
<u>Stop</u>	b		t d		k kw g gw
<u>Fricative</u>		f	s		ɣ ɣw
<u>Affricate</u>				tʃ dʒ	
<u>Nasal</u>	m m̥ •		n N		ŋ
<u>Lateral</u>			l		
<u>Glide</u>				y	w

Orthography

The Oku alphabet has 25 letters.^[4]

a	b	ch	d	dz	e	ε	ə	f	g	gh	i	j	k	l	m	n	ŋ	o	p	s	t	w	y	z
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References

Oku	
Kuɔ	
Native to	Cameroon
Native speakers	87,000 (from the 2005 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grassfields<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ring<ul style="list-style-type: none">Center<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oku</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	oku
Glottolog	okuu1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/okuu1243) ^[2]

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External links

- *Oku Verb Morphology: Tense Aspect and Mood* (http://pubman.mpdl.mpg.de/pubman/item/escidoc:403557/component/escidoc:403556/oku_nforbi1993_o.pdf) Information about the structure of the Oku language
- *Oku - English Provisional Lexicon* (<http://silcam.org/documents/OkuProvisionalLexicon.pdf>) An alphabetical list of words in the Oku language

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